

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

The National Food Security Act, 2013 – Constitution of State Food Commission under Section 16(1) of the Act Orders – Issued.

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G.O.MS.No. 11

Dated:31-08-2015

Read the following:

1. The National Food Security Act, 2013 (Central Act 20 of 2013).
2. Proposals of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies,  
Dt:08.06.2015

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**ORDER:**

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies vide reference second read above had submitted proposals for constitution of a State Food Commission under Section 16(1) of the National Food Security Act, 2013 for undertaking the following functions, namely:

- a) Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Act.
- b) Either suo motu or on receipt of complaint inquire into violations of entitlements provided under Chapter II:
- c) Give advice to the State Government on effective implementation of the Act;
- d) Give advice to the State Government, their agencies, autonomous bodies as well as non-governmental organizations involved in delivery of relevant services, for the effective implementation of food and nutrition related schemes, to enable individuals to fully access their entitlement specified in the Act;
- e) Hear appeals against orders of the District Grievance Redressal Officer;
- f) Prepare annual reports which be laid before the State Legislature by the State Government.

2. The State Food Commission shall, while inquiring into any matter referred to at (b) to (e) above, have all the powers of a Civil Court while trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 and in particular in respect of the following matters, namely:-

- a) Summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath;
- b) Discovery and production of any document ;
- c) Receiving evidence on affidavits;
- d) Requisitioning in any public record or copy thereof from any court or office; and
- e) Issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses or documents.

3. The State Food Commission shall have the power to forward any case to a Magistrate having jurisdiction to try the same and the Magistrate to whom any such case is forwarded shall proceed to hear the complaint against the accused as if the case has been forwarded to him under Section 346 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

4. Government after careful consideration of the proposal order that the State Food Commission shall be constituted with the following:

- i) Chairperson : Commissioner of Civil Supplies Ex-Officio Secretary to Government, Consumer Affairs, Food And Civil Supplies Department
- ii) Member Secretary : A Joint Secretary cadre officer on ex-Officio basis.
- iii) Members-5 : People of eminence form public life
  - i) One advocate
  - ii) One Nutrition Scientist
  - iii) One Social activist;
  - iv) Two from persons of eminence in fields as specified in sub-section 3 (a to c) of Section 16 of the Act.

5. There shall be at least two women and one person belonging to the Scheduled Castes and one person belonging to the Scheduled Tribes in the Commission.

6. The Members other than the Chairman and Joint Secretary shall be taken by calling applications and through selection by a Committee on the same lines of the selection of Members in the State Consumers Disputes Redressal Commission.

7. The Members of the Committee shall hold office for a term not exceeding five years from the date on which he/she enters upon his / her office and shall be eligible for reappointment. They shall however not hold office as Member after they have attained the age of sixty five years.

8. The State Government may remove from office any Member who-

- a) Is or at any time has been adjudged as an insolvent; or
- b) Has become physically or mentally incapable of acting as a member; or
- c) Has been convicted of an offence which, in the opinion of the State Government, involves moral turpitude; or
- d) Has acquired such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially his functions as a member; or

e) Has so abused his position as to render his continuation in office detrimental to the public interest.

9. No member shall be removed under (d) and (e) above unless he/She has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard in the matter.

10 The remuneration payable to the Members other than the Chairperson and the Member- Secretary shall be Rs.51,550 P.M. They shall not be entitled for any other allowances etc.

11. Orders shall separately be issued for the supporting staff in State Food Commission.

12. Orders indicating the head of account for drawal of remuneration of the Members, supporting staff etc. shall be issued separately.

13. The Commissioner or Civil Supplies & Ex-Officio Secretary to Government, Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies shall take necessary action to constitute the State Food Commission at the earliest.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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To  
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Hyderabad.  
All Collectors and District Magistrates.  
All Joint Collectors  
The VC & Managing Director, Telangana State Civil Supplies Corpn.  
Hyderabad.  
All Secretariat Departments.

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